



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Campo Hills Fuelbreak		
PROJECT LOCATION	32125 Hwy 94, Campo, CA. 91906 SW ¼, Section 310, T18S, R5E, SBBM	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### Project Description;

This project is intended to provide enhanced defensible space to homes in the Campo Hills subdivision, located within the unincorporated community of Campo in San Diego County. The intent of this project will be to eliminate the vertical and horizontal continuity of fuels located within 300' of the property boundary of the Campo Hills subdivision's northern and eastern edge. This project work will be implemented by CAL FIRE hand crews using only hand tools and chainsaws. There will be no ground disturbing activities associated with this project. Native vegetation targeted for removal will include Chamise, California buckwheat, and various species of Sage and Sagebrush that commonly occur within the project area. It is anticipated that targeting only these species of vegetation will result in removal of approximately 75% of the total fuel loading within the project area. The northern and eastern edges of the Fuelbreak will be scalloped to present a more natural appearance. All slash generated as a result of this project will be chipped and spread on site. Chips will be spread to a depth not to exceed 3". This project will be implemented under CAL FIRE's Hazardous Fuels Treatment grant program.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

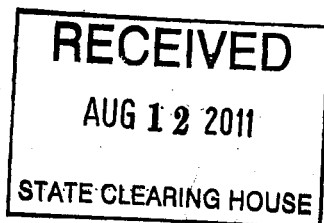
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the description of a Class 4 Categorical Exemption pertaining to minor alterations to the land as listed in the CEQA Guidelines. After completing an environmental impact analysis, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. This determination is based on field assessments, CNDDB search, greenhouse gas emission calculation, notification to regulatory agencies including US Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Game (8/5/201), and archaeological investigation completed by a CAL FIRE Archaeologist. All work to be performed under this exemption is classified as minor alterations to the land.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE MVU Headquarters in El Cajon.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



William E. Snyder, Deputy Director. Date 8/11/11  
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